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SUBJ: MOROZ CASE AGGRAVATES SOVIET-CANADIAN
RELATIONS

REF: STATE 173780

1. EMBASSY HAS ACQUIRED INFORMATION ON IMPRISONED
UKRAINIAN NATIONALIST VALENTYN MOROZ (REFTEL. MOSCOW
JEWISH DISSIDENT SOURCE ON AUGUST 14 SAID THAT TO BEST
OF HIS KNOWLEDGE MOROZ HAD ENDED HUNGER STRIKE IN
VLADIMIR PRISON ABOUT 10 DAYS AGO. MOROZ IS IN
WEAKENED CONDITION BUT NOT IN DANGER OF DEATH. SOURCE
PROMISED TO VERIFY INFORMATION AND TO PROVIDE FURTHER
DETALIS ABOUT AUGUST 20.

2. CANADIAN AMBASSADOR FORD TELLS US THAT A CANADIAN
POLITICAL LEADER HAD TELEPHONED THE DIRECTOR OF VLADIMIR
PRISON ABOUT HEALTH OF MOROZ, BUT THE DIRECTOR DENIED
KNOWLEDGE OF MOROZ. FORD SAID SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO
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OTTAWA CLAIMED MOROZ NOT ON HUNGER STRIKE; SOVIETS

HERE SUGGESTED THEY MAY HEAT UP THE QUEBEC ISSUE OF
CANADIANS MADE TROUBLE OVER MOROZ.

3. CANADIAN EMBOFF AUGUST 15 OUTLINED SCOPE OF
DEMONSTRATIONS OUTSIDE SOVIET EMBASSY IN OTTAWA. DURING
JULY DEMONSTRATORS WENT ON HUNGER STRIKE, SPAT ON
AMBASSADOR'S CAR, AND CAUSED VARIOUS UNPLEASANTRIES.
PROTESTORS MET THREE CABINET OFFICERS ON JULY 26 AND THEN
ISSED PRESS STATEMENT PROMISING CANADIAN INTERVENTION IN
CASE. PROTESTORS HAVE MOBILIZED CANADIAN JEWS AND
CANADIAN LABOR COUNCIL AND HAVE INSPIRED A PRESS CAMPAIGN.

4. (U.S. AND CANADIAN DISTRIBUTION ONLY.) PM TRUDEAU
SPOKE TO THE SUBJECT IN PARLIAMENT IN JULY. SUBSEQUENTLY
HE MET SOVIET AMBASSADOR YAKOVLEV WHO TOLD PM THAT HE
HAD ASKED FOR A REVIEW OF MOROZ CASE, BUT MOSCOW
AUTHORITIES REFUSED TO CHANGE SENTENCE IN VIEW OF
SEVERITY OF CHARGES. YAKOVLEV SUGGESTED SOVIET
RETALIATORY STEPS IN RESPONSE TO HUNGER STRIKERS SUCH
AS VETTING VISAS OF UKRAINIAN CANADIANS AND A SOVIET
PRESS CAMPAIGN ABOUT WORLD WAR II CRIMINALS NOW
HARBORED IN CANADA.

5. CANADIAN EMBOFF ASKED IF WE HAD INFORMATION ON
LEONID PLYUSHCH, YULIY TARTAKOVSKIY, AND MARINA
TEMKIN, 14-YEAR OLD DAUGHTER OF DR. ALEKSANDR TEMKIN
WHO HAS EMIGRATED TO ISRAEL. THESE NAMES ALSO FIGURE
IN CANADIAN DEMONSTRATIONS. EMBOFF PROMISED TO CHECK
WITH DEPARTMENT. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIPT OF
INFORMATION FROM WASHINGTON TO GIVE TO CANADIANS.

6. EMBASSY WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE INFORMATION FROM EMBASSY
OTTAWA RELATING TO MOROZ CASE.
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